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NEW GOM AMBASSADOR BENABUD (ALSO: BEN ABOUD)

1. GOM HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF DR. AHMED BEHABUD, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ARAB LEAGUE AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, AS NEW AMBASSADOR TO ANKARA. BENABUD, 52, HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN WASHINGTON (1956), AEP IN INDIA (1959), LEBANON (1963) AND BRAZIL (1967-72).

2. BENABUD HAD SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PALESTINE AND GRADUATED IN MEDICINE FROM RIAD I UNIVERSITY CAIRO IN 1948. REPORTEDLY FOUGHT AS VOLUNTEER IN ARAB-ISRAELI WAR OF 1948. THEN CONTINUED HIS STUDIES WITH TWO YEARS AS INTERN IN CAIRO HOSPITAL AND SPENT YEAR AS MEDICAL OFFICER IN EGYPTIAN ARMY. INTERNED IN UROLOGY IN CINCINNATI 1951-53 AND PRACTICED IN MOROCCO UNTIL ASSIGNED WASHINGTON. BENABUD CONSIDERED IN PAST VERY FRIENDLY US AND REPORTEDLY CONTEMPTUOUS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND SPAIN AND STRONGLY HOSTILE TO FRANCE.

3. EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH BENABUD UNREMARKABLE. HE WAS UNCOMMUNICATIVE AND SEEMED UNINFORMED WHILE CHIEF OF ARAB LEAGUE DIVISION, GENERALLY IMPLYING HE WAS NOT PRIVY TO

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GOM THINKING ON ARAB AFFAIRS.

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